

Our program services multiple communities. Should we apply to more than one Continuum of Care (CoC) or Local Planning Body?

Yes, any agency interested in becoming a subgrantee for ESG funding should ensure they are engaged with each CoC or LPB for their service area and participate in the local application process for funding consideration.

Will MSHDA allow new shelters to be funded under ESG FY2021-2022 or only shelters that were previously funded?

Any new subgrantee can be considered for ESG funding but the overall CoC/LPB application must still meet the budget parameters laid out in the [ESG FY2021-2022 Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#). Contact your assigned [Homeless Assistance Specialist](#) for further clarification.

Where can we find the application materials and attachments?

The NOFA, application, Exhibit 1, and all other required materials can be found on the [MSHDA ESG website](#) under [Funding Opportunities](#). Some required attachments are also hyperlinked within the documents themselves, such as the Exhibit 1.

Do we need to submit the Key Security Form for the MSHDA Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) homeless preference waitlist if we have submitted them in previous years?

Yes, Key Security Forms must be submitted annually for any staff accessing or maintaining access to the HCV homeless preference waitlist.

When will each CoC/LPB receive its ESG FY2021-2022 allocation?

Allocations will be provided by the assigned Homeless Assistance Specialist before the end of June.

If the CoC/LPB does not receive an increase in funding, does this mean that we can't add any new subgrantees?

CoCs/LPBs should annually review the [NOFA](#) and offer a local application or selection process for eligible subgrantees. Consideration of new subgrantees is contingent on the following factors:

- A minimum of 40% of the total allocation must be awarded to the HARA and the funding to the HARA cannot be reduced from previous year's level.
- If the CoC/LPB receives an increased allocation, funding to the HARA must increase equal to or higher than the highest percent increase provided to a subgrantee.
- Emergency shelter funding cannot exceed 30% of the total CoC/LPB allocation.
- CoCs/LPBs cannot allocate any additional portion of their awarded funds to Domestic Violence service agencies due to a direct ESG allocation provided to MDHHS for Domestic Violence service agencies.
- No grant to an ESG subgrantee can be less than \$10,000.

If our CoC/LPB currently has all funding going to the HARA, does this mean that no other agencies can apply?

Per the [NOFA](#), this is correct. Any CoC/LPB with concerns about ESG policy or the application process should contact their assigned [Homeless Assistance Specialist](#).



Our agency's Certificate of Good Standing is less than a year old. Do we have to request a new Certificate?

As long as the Certificate of Good Standing is dated within the last 12 months, a new Certificate does not have to be requested. The Certificate can be submitted as-is.

Our agency's SAM.GOV registration is expired. Are we no longer eligible to apply?

Yes, the SAM.GOV registration must be renewed prior to application.

Where would our agency find its DUNS number?

Each agency is required to have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number generated from Dun and Bradstreet. If your agency does not have a DUNS number, one may be obtained free of charge (for non-profits) for the purpose of the application. Visit the [Dun and Bradstreet website](#) for more information.

